IRN

OCT 1 8 2004

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/777,163	Confirmation No. 5098
Application of: Gottfried DICHTL	Group Art Unit: 1724
Filing Date: February 13, 2004	Examiner:
Title: Column Tray	Docket No. A219 1010.1
·	Customer No. 26158

SUBMISSION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT(S)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

Submitted herewith is a certified copy and translation of German Patent Application No.

101 40 352.6, filed August 17, 2001, to which applicant(s) claims priority.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: October 18, 2004

Nanda K. Alapati (Reg. No. 39,893) Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice

P.O. Box 7037

Atlanta, GA 30357-0037

703-394-2216



VERIFICATION

I, Donald Joseph Edgar Mullen of 734 London Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1HQ, UK, herewith confirm that I am conversant with the German and English languages and am a competent translator thereof, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the attached translation of German Patent Application No. 101 40 352.6 is a true and correct English translation of said Patent Application.

Declared at 734 London Road,
High Wycombe,
Bucks HP11 1HQ
UK

S. Mullen

High Wycombe, 18th March, 2004

Donald J.E. Mullen

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Priority certificate for filing a Patent Application

Application number:

101 40 352.6

Date of filing:

17 August 2001

Applicant/Proprietor:

QVF Engineering GmbH,

55122 Mainz, Germany

Title:

Column tray

IPC:

B 01 D, B 01 J

The attached documents are a correct and accurate representation of the original documents of this Patent Application.

Munich, 13 February 2004

German Patent and Trademark Office

The President

p.p. (Signature)

A 9161 03/00 EDV-L